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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: CONTROLLING SCHEME FOR STAND-
BY BRAKING TORQUE APPLIED TO
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application for the following reasons:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. No claims have been canceled or amended by way of this Reply. Thus, claims 1-20 are pending for reconsideration at this time.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-17. Claims 4-17 are dependent upon claim 3, and are considered to be allowable for at least the following reasons with respect to claim 3, in addition to the further patentable features recited therein. Allowance of claims 4-17 is earnestly solicited.